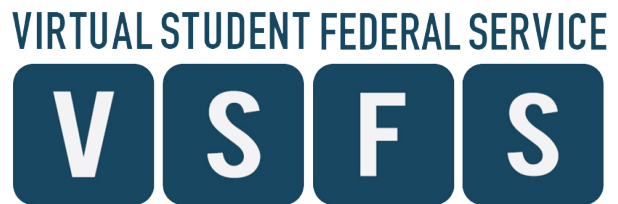


Nature and science in the southeast



Project Title	Nature and science in the southeast
Project Summary	Support the National Park Service regional office in a wide range of science and natural resource projects. The primary project will focus on researching best management practices for controlling invasive species and pests in national parks across seven states and two territories.
Country	United States

Project Description

The Southeast Region of the National Park Service includes 72 parks spread across seven states (North Carolina south and Louisiana east) and two territories (Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands). The parks range in size from the Everglades (7800 square miles) to urban parks measured in square feet. These parks contain wilderness, managed cultural landscapes, and hundreds of historic structures.

The regional office based in Atlanta, GA supports all of the parks in the region in every aspect of managing the parks. The intern would support the Division of Science and Natural Resources Management as the Division helps parks. Because the parks cover such a wide area and protect such a wide range of resources the requests for assistance from parks changes rapidly and ranges widely. Every day brings new challenges.

Depending both on the problems the parks identify and the interests of the intern the internship tasks will vary. However, the primary project will focus on creating useful information that will be used to support the parks in managing invasive species and pests. The mentor and the intern will identify key species where specific information is needed and research what the best practices are for that species. In some cases the species will be emerging pests that are new to the region. It is especially important for park staff to have identification and control tools ready for then these new species arrive so that a rapid response can be initiated.

The southeast is a fascinating area of the country containing spectacular national parks. The intern would have a chance to have a role in helping parks in the short term and producing resources that will help parks for years to come.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Research

Additional Information

None

Language Requirements

None